

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION FOR GTSAC 08-15-03

MSP is the Lead Agency unless otherwise noted

### **SB 213** (Sen. Allen)

**MDOT Lead**

Revises vehicle size under tie-down requirements for trucks hauling logs or tubular products.

*In Senate Transportation Committee*

### **SB 321** (Sen. Cropsey)

**DCH Lead**

Provides exceptions to requirement of wearing motorcycle crash helmet if person is 21 years of age or older and has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for two or more years or has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course. Similar to HB 4235

*In Senate Transportation Committee*

### **SB 332** (Sen. Thomas)

Prohibits and provides penalties and sanctions for aggressive driving (180-day misdemeanor, 30 license suspension).

*In Senate Judiciary Committee*

### **SB 377** (Sen. Bishop)

Creates an aggravated drunken driving penalty.

*In Senate Judiciary Committee*

### **SB 394** (Sen. Sanborn)

Requires Secretary of State to suspend the driver license of minors attempting to purchase/possess/consume alcohol. 30 days for 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 90 days for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, 1 year for 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent offense

*In Senate Judiciary Committee*

### **SB 428** (Sen. Switalski)

Includes police stations in locations used and nurses in personnel authorized to draw blood to determine blood alcohol content.

*In Senate Judiciary Committee*

### **SB 509** (Sen. Gilbert)

Establishes driver responsibility assessments for drivers who accumulate seven or more points on their driving record or commit specified offenses – OUIL, Flee & Elude, Hit and Run.

*PA # 165 of 2003, Effective 8/13/03*

### **SB 555** (Sen. Patterson)

Prohibits use of cellular phone by minor operating on a Graduated Driver License.

*In Senate Technology and Energy Committee*

### **SB 569** (Sen. George)

Increases mandatory minimum fine for certain alcohol and controlled substance-related driving offenses.

*In Senate Transportation Committee*

### **SB 613** (Sen. Jacobs)

**Dep. of Education**

Allows suspension or denial of driver license of a juvenile for truancy.

*Referred to Senate Education Committee*

### **SB 637** (Sen. George)

Clarifies definition of minor in possession of alcohol as presence of alcohol in the body and modifies penalties for minors in possession to create possibility of 30 days imprisonment.

*Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee*

**HB 4133** (Rep. LaJoy)

Allow input by townships in setting certain speed limits. Requires **unanimous** decision between Township, County Road Commission and MSP to change speed limit. (Tie Barred to HB 4224)

*PA 65 of 2003, Effective 7/22/03*

**HB 4135** (Rep. Bieda)

Increases penalties for violation of speed restrictions in residential zones.

*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4154** (Rep. Casperson)

**MDOT Lead**

Revises tie-down requirements for trucks hauling logs or tubular products under certain circumstances. Allows for "crib trucks" to weigh more and be longer only if 23 U.S.C. 127 is amended to allow crib vehicles.

*PA 142 of 2003, Effective 8/7/03*

**HB 4200** (Rep. Kolb)

Requires child safety seats for children 80 pounds or less.

*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4209** (Rep. Hardman)

**Dep of Education Lead**

Permits suspension or denial of driver license to a truant juvenile.

*In House Education Committee*

**HB 4210** (Rep. Kolb)

Provides for waiver of fines for certain child car restraint system violations if person has an explanation. (adds 80 pounds or less requirement to current waiver statute)

*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4224** (Rep. Jamnick)

Allows the setting of speed limits by **unanimous** vote of Township, County Road Commission, and MSP.

*PA 64 of 2003, Effective 7/22/03*

**HB 4238** (Rep. Rivet)

Increase amount of property damage to require a traffic accident report, Increase to \$1000

*PA 66 of 2003, Effective 1/1/04*

**HB 4247** (Rep. Van Regenmorter)

Establishes penalties and sanctions for operating a vehicle while intoxicated at 0.08 grams from 0.10 grams. "High BAC" over .15, retains a charge of operating while impaired, and adds zero tolerance for illegal drugs.

*PA 61 of 2003, Effective 9/30/03*

**HB 4262** (Rep. Anderson)

Establishes speed limit in condominium developments at 15 miles per hour.

*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4274** (Rep. Ehardt)

**Dept. of Ed. Lead**

Revises construction of door handle assembly on back door of school buses.

*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4325** (Rep. Drolet)

**DCH Lead**

Provides exceptions for requirement of wearing a crash helmet on a motorcycle if person is 21 years of age or older, has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for not less than two years and has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course.

*In House Transportation Committee – Testimony taken, but not voted on*

**HB 4334** (Rep. Van Regenmorter) **Governor's Office Lead**  
Allows preliminary breath tests as admissible evidence in drunken driving prosecutions.  
*Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee*

**HB 4358** (Rep. DeRossett) **MDOT Lead**  
Increases truck length limit to 65 feet from 59 feet.  
*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4477** (Rep. Voorhees) **FIA Lead**  
Expands definition of child abuse to include the act of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicating liquor with a child in the vehicle.  
*In House Criminal Justice Committee*

**HB 4600** (Rep. Gaffney)  
Prohibits first-year drivers from having more than one passenger (excluding family members) in car.  
*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4664** (Rep. Hummel)  
Excludes period of incarceration, probation and parole from time periods for determining when prior drunken driving offenses occurred.  
*In House Criminal Justice Committee*

**HB 4819** (Rep. Adamini)  
Presence of alcohol in the body of a minor constitutes violation MIP statute.  
*Passed House, referred to Senate Judiciary Committee*

**HB 4864** (Rep. Minore)  
Provides pilot program to install unmanned traffic monitoring devices to record images of traffic violations at intersections.  
*In House Transportation Committee*

**HB 4887** (Rep. Pastor)  
Includes tow truck or wrecker in authorized emergency vehicle definition while assisting in an emergency at the request of a police agency (applies only to 257.6753a "Move Over Law").  
*Referred to House Transportation Committee*

**HB 5007** (Rep. Huizenga) **MDOT Lead**  
Defines frequent stops exemption to wearing a seat belt as a series of stops with at least one stop in the series for every mile of travel.  
*Referred to House Transportation Committee*

**HB 5033** (Rep. Stakoe)  
Increases penalties for minors purchasing or possessing alcohol, allow for jail sentence if they do not complete conditions of probation.  
*Referred to House Committee on Regulatory Reform*